PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

SIXTH SESSION.

Thursday the 20th June 1940/7th Mithunam1115.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. in the Legislative Chamber with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., L. L. D., in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls.

1. Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police.*)
2. Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government.*)
3. Mr. K. Sankaran (*Secretary to Government.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Culvert at Ampiyilthottukadavil.

333. *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether representations have been received by Government for the construction of a culvert at Ampiyilthottukadavil, near Chittumalai Bund, Kizhakekallada, Quilon, for irrigation purposes;

(*b*) the date on which such representations were made;

(*c*) whether the departmental authorities have inspected the place at any time; and

(*d*) if so, what further steps have been taken in the matter.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, one.

(*b*) On 17-11-1939.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An estimate has been prepared and it is being scrutinised.

New tanks in South Travancore.

334. *MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of new tanks constructed or under construction in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam and Vilavankod?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): Nil.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): With reference to Question No. 334. May I know why no steps were taken in the matter of constructing new tanks in the taluks of Thovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam and Vilavankod?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The answer refers only to the number of tanks newly constructed. The number of tanks restored is not given.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I should like to know why new tanks were not constructed, and whether the Chief Engineer is aware that for the purpose of irrigation works in Nanjinad new tanks should be constructed?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The claim for the restoration of these tanks have not been taken up.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he is aware that the Dewan-President gave a declaration to the effect that, as far as possible, tanks will be restored for meeting the difficulty of irrigation in Nanjinad?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The Dewan gave a declaration, no doubt, but the restoration of the existing tanks was a more important matter and that is being taken up in preference to the construction of new tanks. Further, the question of construction of new tanks is a matter which requires more detailed investigation.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Was there any recommendation from the Irrigation Committee appointed for the purpose that tanks should be constructed?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: I claim notice.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether applications were received for the restoration of tanks?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: So far as I am aware, no.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Department has prepared a list for the construction of new tanks?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: None, so far.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether Government will be pleased to expedite the construction of the Parali Dam to meet the immediate requirement of Nanjanad area?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The matter is being carefully investigated.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The policy of Government is to take up the improvement of silted tanks first and after such work is completed, the construction of new tanks.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether the tanks which have been silted up will be much more in area than those comprised by he present proposal?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I have not gt statistics with me now.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly